NEVADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2016

The Nevada Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened a conference call to discuss potential project topics for the Committee to study in FY 2017. Wendell Blaylock chaired the meeting and performed the initial roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 1:03 PM to 2:00 PM PST.

State Advisory Committee Members:

Present:

- Wendell Blaylock
- Bob Beers
- Kathleen Bergquist
- Sondra Cosgrove
- Debra Feemster
- David Fott
- Kara Jenkins
- Jon Ponder
- Ed Williams

Commission Staff present:

- David Mussatt
- Angelica Trevino

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

Welcome and Introductions

• The Chair did a roll call.

Absent:

- Carol Del Carlo
- Emma Guzman
- Kay Kindred
- Theresa Navarro
- Matthew Saltzman

Members of the Public present:

• None identified

Discussion of current civil rights concerns in Nevada

- David discussed the Commission FY 2017 statutory enforcement report topic on municipal fees, which was a change from their original topic on women in prisons
- Kara said she had suggested human trafficking but suggested the committee may want to study community policing in support of the Commission project
- Jon Ponder agreed with community-oriented policing report topic
- Debra Feemster agreed with community-policing. She suggested considering intertwining the topic with education dropout issues
- Kathleen supported community policing from various angles including cultural competency
- Ed Williams supported community policing
- Debra Feemster suggested demographics of police forces may be topic of consideration
- David Fott agreed with the majority of committee members
- Jon Ponder discussed youth mentoring efforts in Las Vegas

Chair Blaylock moved that the Nevada Advisory Committee for FY 2017 will support the USCCR statutory enforcement report as well as examine the correlation of people of color within law enforcement. The motion was approved unanimously.

Open Comment

• No members of the public were present.

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00 PM PST